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WHAT DOES IT mean to be, as today's Gospel mentions, "a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom"? It demands two things. Just as trees are fed from their roots, we must be rooted in Jesus; and, just as they grow toward the sky, we must have heaven in mind.

The tenants in the parable are the Pharisees, who persecuted God's prophets and killed His son. They had God, in the person of Jesus, living among them, teaching them, eating with them, performing miracles before their eyes. Yet they were so sure that they knew who God was that they did not recognize him. Their faith had become about their status and their laws, not about God. We must remember that our faith is not only a series of truths or practices. It is a relationship with Jesus. We must have open eyes, ears and hearts to recognize his presence in our midst. We must talk to, listen to and spend time with Him in prayer, Mass and adoration.

We must also remember that God has a much greater gift in mind for us than anything on earth. The tenants were so set on short-term gain that they lost their eternal reward. Let us not forget or fail to recognize God's gifts.

*(Reflection of Kate Larson of Living with Christ)*



### Mass Intentions

#### Monday, October 5, 2020 Multi-intention

8:30 a.m. + Ernesto Rodriquez  
+ Susana Young  
+ Ignacio Young

#### Tuesday, October 6, 2020

8:30 a.m. + Michael Byeon

#### Wednesday, October 7, 2020

8:30 a.m. + Stephen Leung

#### Thursday, October 8, 2020

8:30 a.m. + Bernadette Carvalho

#### Friday, October 9, 2020

8:30 a.m. For the Holy Father, Pope Francis

#### Saturday, October 10, 2020 Multi-intention

9:00 a.m. + Joseph & Catherine Saltyn  
+ Guerino & Giulia Di Gennaro  
4:30 p.m. + James Hutchinson

#### Sunday, October 11, 2020

8:00 a.m. + Joseph Yung Fu & Maria Kee Sau Yuan  
9:30 a.m. + George Greive  
11:00 a.m. Protection of the Unborn Children

### R.C.I.A.

#### FOR THOSE INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC

The program for those who may wish to learn more about the Catholic faith, and/or who may wish to join the Catholic Church, is known as the Rite Of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). This past year, we welcomed 14 new Catholics into our parish community through baptism or Reception into Full Communion. Sr. Eva Janning, who coordinates this course so wonderfully each year, has announced that anyone who wishes to consider becoming a Catholic for this coming year, should contact her by filling in the special forms available on our parish website: <http://www.stedward.ca>

The program, this year, will commence on October 14th and consecutive Wednesdays. Depending on numbers, and social distance, Sr. Eva may teach and communicate with you, either in a small class setting, or on line, or a combination of both. This is still being looked into. However, the program will indeed proceed. Please contact Sr. Eva, or Msgr. Pat, if more information is needed, or if you need assistance with the information provided on the parish website.

Next ShareLife Sunday is October 11, 2020.  
Please give generously.

#### APPOINTMENT OF BILL NALEPKA

Cardinal Collins has informed that Bill Nalepka, who will be ordained a permanent deacon this Saturday, October 4th, will be assigned to Blessed Sacrament Parish in Toronto as his place of ministry. Congratulations to Bill, and his wife, Angie, on this appointment. May God bless Bill, and his family, as he serves the Lord in this ministry of service to God's people. While we shall miss their presence at St. Edward's Church, we pray for him and for all who serve the Church as Permanent Deacons. Bill and his family continue to reside in the parish area and will visit often.

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### THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Cardinal Thomas Collins, Archbishop of Toronto, has given permission for parishes to begin the process of celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation for students who had already been prepared to receive it, prior to the celebrations being delayed because of COVID-19. This is good news for all students in our parish who had been waiting to celebrate this important Sacrament. In order to offer this Sacrament at masses which ensure we follow proper social distance, and other health requirements, the celebrations will be in smaller numbers at specific masses, aside from other regular Sunday masses, in the month of October. All parents and students have been informed and we look forward to celebrating this important moment in the faith life of our students. Please pray for all who will soon receive the Sacrament of Confirmation and for their families.

### YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Ministry is now being conducted virtually (on-line). For more information, contact Jessica Bews, our Youth Director, at one of the following links:

Instagram: @st.edsym

Email: [stedwardyouthministry@gmail.com](mailto:stedwardyouthministry@gmail.com)

### FIRST COMMUNION

Close to 100 children will be making their First Communion in September and October at St. Edward's Parish at Masses scheduled specifically for this purpose, so as not to overcrowd the regular Mass schedule. Please pray for the children and their families who will celebrate on the following dates:

**Saturday, October 17th, and  
Sunday, October 18th.**

### Parishioner Attendance Count

On October 17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> and October 24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> we ask for your cooperation as we conduct a Parishioner Attendance Count to help provide an accurate profile of Mass attendance in the Archdiocese. The ushers will assist in this, and it should not disrupt the Mass. Thank you.

### GOOD SHEPHERD THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

Good Shepherd Refuge, in Toronto, is once again accepting food items for their annual Thanksgiving Appeal. This year, please note there are specific items that are needed: Mustard, Mayonnaise, BBQ sauce, Salad Dressing, Cereal, Granola Bars/Protein Bars, Chocolate Bars/Hard Candy, Rice, Canned Soup, Canned Corned Beef, Canned Vegetables, Curry + garlic powder, and Teabags. Kindly drop off these items to the parish hall over the next two weekends. Good Shepherd Refuge will send a truck to pick them up. Thank you for your generosity to the poor.

### LIFE CHAIN

Life Chain is a peaceful and silent witness to the injustice of abortion and the harm it inflicts on women and the community at large. It is a simple but powerful reminder to our fellow citizens of the sanctity of human life and our duty to defend the weakest members of our society.

The very first Life Chain was held in 1987 in Yuba City, California and consisted of 2,500 people. The annual event grew by leaps and bounds in the following years, with Canada holding its first Life Chain in 1990, and almost 1,000,000 participating across North America in 1992. Last year, there were over 250 Life Chains in Canada and over 15,000 are estimated to have participated from coast to coast.

This year, we will be marking 30 years of Life Chain in Canada. Most Life Chains will be held on Sunday, October 4th. St. Edward's Parish is assigned, along with other parishes, the corner of Yonge and Steeles, from 2 – 3 p.m. Social distance and masks are to be kept in mind. Come and pray for the gift of life.

### ATTENTION: UNIVERSITY STUDENTS

Please note that there are wonderful opportunities for Catholic university students to meet other students on campus in support of one's religious life and faith formation. In particular, incoming students may wish to know about the wide range of chaplaincies and Catholic student activities at York, Ryerson, and the University of Toronto (Newman Centre), among other locations.

Keith Villanueva, a University student, and a parishioner at St. Edward's Church, has kindly offered to connect other students to the various opportunities at all our local universities. You may contact Keith at one of the following:

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